

**Remarks**

Claims 1-27 were submitted for examination. In the current office action, claims 1-5, 7 and 15-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Fujiki (US Pat. No.: 5,497,137, hereinafter "Fujiki"), claims 8-14 and 21-27 are allowed, and claims 6 and 20 are objected as both dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all intervening limitations.

The Examiner is appreciated for her careful examination and Indication of allowance on certain claims. In the foregoing amendments, the Applicant decided to take the examining results with prejudice by combining claim 6 to claim 1, and claim 20 to claim 25, and then cancelled claims 6 and 20. No new matters are added. As a result of the foregoing amendments, claim 1-5, 7-19 and 21-27 are now pending. Reconsideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 20 stand allowed. The once-amended claims 1 and 15 shall be allowable by now. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7 and 15-19 are believed to be allowable. In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe that Claims 1-5, 7-19 and 21-27 shall be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is being respectfully solicited.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplementary Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (408)777-8873.

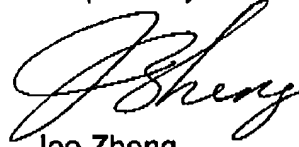
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